

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: ROTH *et al.* Confirmation No.: 8488
Serial No.: 10/774,272 Art Unit: 3733
Filed: February 6, 2004 Examiner: James L. Swiger III
For: BONE FIXATION SYSTEM Attorney Docket No: 8932-876-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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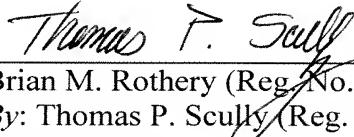
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Final Office Action dated May 11, 2006 be extended for a period of 2 month(s) from August 11, 2006 to and including October 11, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$450.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 11, 2006



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